

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MAY 15, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“My Song is Love Unknown”

setting, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of ✝ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come

***Water may be poured into the font
as the minister gives thanks.***

We thank you, God,

**for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

**Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.**

You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

**You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.**

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

**To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever. Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

ELW # 452; stanzas 1, 3, 4

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1

**Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.**

3

**There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one God who made us all.**

4

**Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.**

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *first line sung by Leader*

ELW, page 149-150

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O Lord God,

you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

READING: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then

he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***EASTER HYMN**

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

ELW # 377; *stanzas 1, 4, 5*

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1

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

4

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

5

**City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

READING: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step,

saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

DWELLING IN THE WORD

HOMILY “Sharing the Table Together”

Vicar Jamie Witt

***SONG OF THE DAY**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

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**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

1

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.**

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

2

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away.**

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

3

**These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you.**

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

4

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you.**

**Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.**

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another.

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Shout With Joy to God!”

–Lloyd Larson

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Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Sing glory to his name!

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

His glorious praise proclaim!

How awesome are your deeds!

Sing glory to his name!

The earth bows down to you.

His glorious praise proclaim!

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Sing glory to his name!

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

His glorious praise proclaim!

Come and see what our God has done;

How awesome his works on our behalf!

How he turned the sea into dry land!

Oh come and rejoice in him.

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

Sing glory to his name!

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

His glorious praise proclaim!

*Come, let us rejoice in him!
Sing glory to his name!
He rules us by his power;
His glorious praise proclaim!*

*Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Sing glory to his name!
Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
His glorious praise proclaim!*

*Praise our God; Let the sounds be heard;
For he has set us on solid ground,
He preserved our lives through the tests and trials.
Oh come and rejoice in him.*

*Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Sing glory to his name!
Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
His glorious praise proclaim!*

*Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
Sing glory to his name!
Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
His glorious praise proclaim!
Sing glory to his name!
His glorious praise proclaim!*

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

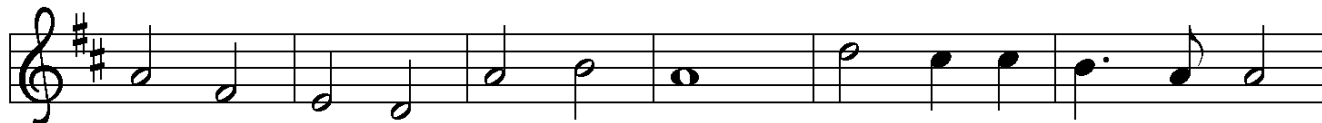
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our calling and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter

and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ELW # 631

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1

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.**

**Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

2

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.**

**Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

3

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

4

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!**

**Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

COMMUNION SONG

"Beloved, God's Chosen"

ELW # 648

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**Beloved, God's chosen,
put on as a garment
compassion, forgiveness,
and goodness of heart.**

**Above all, before all,
let love be your raiment
that binds into one every dissonant part.**

**Within, call forth Wisdom,
to dwell in you richly;
let peace rule your hearts,
and that peace be of Christ.**

**And from the heart's chamber,
beloved and holy,
let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.**

**Beloved, God's chosen,
put on as a garment
compassion, forgiveness,
and goodness of heart.**

**Above all, before all,
let love be your raiment
that binds into one ev'ry dissonant part.**

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***SENDING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

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1

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

3

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

5

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

–setting, Ralph Vaughan Williams



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